

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 12-15, and 18-20 are cancelled. None of the remaining claims have been amended. Claims 2, 6-8, 10-11, and 16-17 are therefore pending and presented for review. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested in light of the foregoing claim cancellations and remarks that follow.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indication that claims 2, 6-8, 10-11, and 16-17 are allowed, as set forth in the indication of allowable subject matter in the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2007 and reiterated in the statement of allowed claims in the Advisory Action dated September 6, 2007.

2. Conclusions

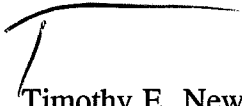
All of the Examiner's rejections have been obviated by canceling the rejected claims. Applicants do not admit to the propriety of such previous rejections by canceling the claims, rather the cancellation is a full faith effort to move this case to allowance. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of such cancelled claims in a continuation or other appropriate application.

Only allowed claims remain pending in the present application, whereby Applicants respectfully request a prompt Notice of Allowance. Otherwise, the Examiner is strongly urged to contact Applicant's attorney by telephone with any remaining questions or issues, if such telephone contact would help expedite the mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

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Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1170 in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of a 2-month extension of time for reply by a large entity. Again, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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